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1) A method for determining the relative occupancy of a space via analysis of a video stream.

2) The method of claim 1, wherein the space is one of a restaurant, a nightclub, a bar, a highway, a freeway, a beach, a tunnel, a bridge, or a public park.

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3) A computer system for determining the relative occupancy of a space comprising:  
a network computer system connected to the internet and comprising a connection to or having connected thereto a graphics card for capturing a video stream,

a camera for providing said video stream,

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a software program for analyzing said video stream and determining a baseling image or sequence of images thereby providing relative occupancy information,

an internet location for providing said relative occupancy information to the public.

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